



# BATTLE RAGING IN THE VICINITY OF NEW CHUANG

## Progress of the Conflict Watched Anxiously From the Housetops.

### Russian Losses on Saturday Were 700 Men—Vladivostok Squadron Sinks Merchant Vessel Which Had Been Captured.

Tien Tsin, July 24.—A report from New Chuang states that Saturday's battle was at Tahsui Tong, six miles distant, and that the Japanese were successful.

Many Chinese refugees arriving at New Chuang have reported that nine Japanese gunboats from Port Arthur have arrived at Tahting Shan.

Tien Tsin, July 24.—News has reached here that a battle is raging outside of New Chuang. The fighting can be seen from the house-tops.

In the engagement of yesterday the Russian losses are reported to have been 700. The Japanese are slowly nearing New Chuang. Great excitement prevailed in that city during today's and yesterday's fights.

Tien Tsin, July 25.—In accordance with orders issued by General Kuropatkin, the Russians commenced to evacuate New Chuang yesterday (Sunday). This morning the Russian railway station is in flames. The Russians are evidently destroying property previous to evacuation.

Chefoo, July 25.—(Noon).—The German steamer Chefoo, from New Chuang, reports that at 2 o'clock this morning, when she was fifty miles from this port, she was stopped by four Japanese torpedo boats and searched. After being released she was fired on by rapid fire guns.

Yokohama, July 25.—The Vladivostok squadron yesterday sunk the English steamer Knight Commander, from New York, off the province of Hon, after transferring the crew of the Knight Commander to the steamer Tsinan, which arrived here this morning.

The Vladivostok squadron also captured a German vessel, believed to be the Arabia, with 30,000 tons of flour, and an unknown British steamer. The two vessels were sent to Vladivostok in charge of prize crews.

The American Trading company are the agents here for the Knight Commander.

New York, July 25.—The Knight Commander, according to the maritime register, is a British steamer of 2,716 tons burden, commanded by Captain Durrant. She sailed from New York May 6, for Singapore.

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HOW SWIFTLY TIME FLIES.

# NO CAUSE FOR THE SLAUGHTER ALL UNION MEN ARE COMING OUT

## Killing of the Lawson and Haley Sheep by Raiders a Wanton and Cruel Outrage—Arrests Expected in a Few Days.

(Special to The Herald.)

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 24.—Ore Haley, the wealthy stock raiser of the Laramie plains, has returned from Gunnison county, Colo., and the scene of the recent sheep raid. At the time of the raid it was reported that H. H. Lawson of Salt Lake City was the only owner that lost sheep, but it develops that Mr. Haley had over 1,000 sheep slaughtered by the raiders.

The Haley band, like the Lawson band, had been shipped in from Oregon and was grazing in the mountains in the range. Indeed, that range had never pastured cattle, so far as is known.

When the raiders appeared they drove the Haley band of 2,000 into a corral and there slaughtered over 1,000. Some of the animals were shot, while others were clubbed to death and a few were put to death by the bowie knife.

Tiring of the slaughter, the raiders, who had previously tied up the herd,

released them and compelled them to drive the remaining sheep down off the mountains.

The land on which the raid occurred belongs to Uncle Sam and no man has the right to order another off. The sheepmen are investigating the raid, and, having good evidence already against the raiders, it is expected that arrests will be made during the next few days.

Officials of the Rio Grande railroad are interested in the investigations, for the railroad company induced the sheepmen to enter that section and feed prior to marketing this fall. This is a custom that now prevails on many western roads. Sheepmen are encouraged to buy in Oregon and the north-west in the early spring, ship to points on the Rio Grande and graze the flocks during the summer months in the mountain parks. If sheep are to be slaughtered as in the Haley and Lawson cases, the railroads will be deprived of considerable freight business that now goes to them through the summer mountain feeding arrangement.

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Colorado Postmasters Said to Aid in Deporting Miners

Denver, Colo., July 24.—Secretary Haywood of the Western Federation of Miners has forwarded a telegram to President Roosevelt stating that Postmaster E. M. Reardon of Victor is one of the members of the committee which he says is responsible for deporting miners from the Cripple Creek district, and asking that steps be taken to prevent federal officials from taking part in such demonstrations. The telegram reads:

"Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.: General F. M. Reardon, postmaster at Victor, is one of the committee responsible for deportation of members of the federation and other residents of the Cripple Creek district. Can you not prevent federal officers from committing such crimes?"

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# GREAT STRUGGLE BEGINS TODAY

## Twenty-Five Thousand Cotton Mill Operatives to Go on Strike Against a Reduction of 12 1/2 Per Cent in Wages.

FALL RIVER, Mass., July 24.—With hope of a peaceful settlement abandoned, both sides in the impending industrial trouble here await with dogged determination the coming of tomorrow and the first test of strength between a little group of manufacturers representing a combined capital of \$25,000,000 on one side and more than 25,000 cotton mill operatives on the other.

The mill gates will be opened at the usual time tomorrow morning and the operatives will be given an opportunity to go to work under a wage reduction of 12 1/2 per cent. If an insufficient number responds the mills will be closed for an indefinite period.

The strike leaders were of the opinion tonight that there would not be enough operatives applying for work throughout the entire city to run even one mill to say nothing of the eighty or more that are affected by the strike order.

The manufacturers claim that the two thousand union men who voted to strike do not represent the sentiment of the great body of cotton mill employees. They give the total number of operatives on their pay roll as 25,300.

This, of course, does not include the employees of the independent mills of M. C. D. Borden, which are not involved.

Bitter Feeling General.

The talk on the streets, however, indicates that the feeling against the manufacturers is quite as bitter among the non-union operatives as it is among those who are affiliated with the labor organizations.

John Golden, president of the United Textile Workers of America, the leader of the strike, has cautioned the operatives not to go near the mills tomorrow. Many wild threats have been made by an influential class of workers, but violence is not in the ranks of the strikers as looked for at the Borden City Mills. These mills, which have not been operated on full time for two months and the people who were employed there are reported desperate from want of work.

Regarding the non-union element the strikers believe that if it can be demonstrated for two weeks that the non-union operatives can live on strike benefits as well as if not better than on the wages paid by the mills, the strike can be prolonged indefinitely.

The police have made only little preparations for landing the crowds of strikers, but officers will be stationed at the mill gates.

Several small stores patronized chiefly by the operatives have been obliged to close owing to the abrupt falling off of trade and on all sides a feeling of depression in business has followed the issuance of the strike order.

NEGRO WAS PREPARED MAY CAUSE TROUBLE.

St. Petersburg, July 25.—(3:15 a. m.)—The report that the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk fired shells at the British ship Ardena by the Red Sea by Russia of the Peninsular & Oriental steamers, which arrived there and was awaiting instructions.

The official report of the seizure of the Smolensk received from the Russian consul at Suva, says that the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk encountered the vessel at the island of Perim, in the straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, and that the vessel was seized.

The fact that her captain showed from the manifest that there was no contraband of war on board. Twenty-four Russian volunteers and a crew of 100 were on board the Smolensk when the report was sent, and it was the intention of the Russians that the passengers and a portion of the German crew should be landed at Port Said.

COMMENT IN JAPAN.

Russia's Action Said to Endanger Peace of the World.

# RIGHT OF SEARCH PLAN ABANDONED

## Russian Volunteer Fleet Will Ceased to Operate.

### GERMAN STEAMER RELEASED MEETING OF CABINET COUNCIL AT ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—Grand Duke Alexis presided at yesterday's council which Count Lamsdorff, the foreign secretary and Vice Admiral Avellan, the other high naval officers attended.

The result of the conference removes all doubts concerning the present attitude of Russia with regard to the volunteer fleet. The validity of the view expressed in the British note regarding the irregularity of the position of the vessels was so far admitted that the council agreed to waive the right of search.

After a long discussion in which Count Lamsdorff took a leading part, it was decided that the present status of the volunteer fleet was not sufficiently well defined according to international law to render further searches and seizures advisable and that therefore Russia, in the interests of friendly relations with the powers should withdraw the authority given the volunteer fleet in this respect.

SITUATION CLEARED UP.

Russia and England Have Arrived at an Understanding.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—The Associated Press is able to state on the highest authority that the Russian and British governments have agreed on a mutually satisfactory basis for settlement of the question of the status of Russian volunteer fleet steamers in the Red Sea and the seizure by them of British ships.

A few minor points still remain unsettled, but these will probably be cleared up tomorrow and it is not expected that further complications will arise.

Great credit for the satisfactory termination of this incident is due to Foreign Secretary Lamsdorff, who, it is admitted, acted with statesmanlike sagacity and spirit worthy of a great statesman. The attitude of Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, both for moderation and dignity, also evokes praise.

In fact, the negotiations throughout the crisis were conducted in a most friendly and spirit of understanding, and the story that there was a stormy scene at the foreign office July 20, when Sir Charles presented the British protest, has not the slightest foundation.

The relations between the foreign minister and the British ambassador are extremely cordial. Count Lamsdorff, although he retained his position where he called at the British embassy last night and remained a whole hour in formal chat with Sir Charles Hardinge.

WRONGFULLY SEIZED.

No Contraband of War on Board the Scandia.

Berlin, July 24.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that Russia, in response to Germany's protest, sent a dispatch to Port Said ordering the immediate release of the Hamburg-American line steamer Scandia, which had arrived there and was awaiting instructions.

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Tokio, July 24.—(7 p. m.)—The passage of the Dardanelles by the Russian volunteer fleet steamers, the seizures of German mail and the capture in the Red Sea by Russia of the Peninsular & Oriental steamers, which arrived there and was awaiting instructions.

The government is watching the situation keenly, but it has not given any form of expression to its views. It is indicated that it will take any action in the matter.

The editors of the Tokio newspapers have met and passed a resolution declaring the passage of the Dardanelles by the Russian ships is a violation of treaty obligations and an insult to all of the powers, that the seizure of ships by the Russian volunteer fleet jeopardizes the interests of all neutral powers, and that Russia's action endangers the peace of the world.

UNCLE SAM NOT CONCERNED.

Seizure of the Ardena a Matter For Great Britain.

Washington, July 24.—Any action which may be taken regarding the seizure of the Smolensk by the Russian volunteer fleet is a matter for the British government. It is not a matter which in the least concerns the United States. This is the view taken in official circles here.

However, the decision of the Russian government to withdraw the authority given to the volunteer fleet, the searches and seizures simplified the situation very materially. Presumably in view of this new attitude of the Russian government, the seizure of the Smolensk will be released promptly, the seizure disavowed and the incident will be closed without delay. No shipments of stores or other supplies to the army or the navy for the Philippines are carried in other than American bottoms. Congress by special enactment at its last session expressly prohibited such

# ACTIVITY OF JAPANESE.

## Indications of a Fight All Along the Line.

London, July 25.—Specials to the London morning papers confirm the news of active operations at the seat of war. The Telegraph's Chefoo cor-

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# VEST WEAKER.

Sweet Springs, Mo., July 24.—Ex-Senator Vest's condition at 8 o'clock tonight was much weaker, the rally of yesterday having been only temporary. Mr. Vest's son and daughter will not return to St. Louis as planned, but will remain near the bedside.

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